

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified patent application, with amendment. Claims 21-36 are pending in this application upon entry of this Amendment. In this Amendment, has cancelled claims 1, 3-9, and 11-20; and added new claims 21-36. Claims 21, 25, 29, and 33 are independent claims.

The Specification

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for containing numbers corresponding to elements in the figures. The Applicant has amended the Abstract to remove the numbers.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-9, and 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior/conventional art ("AAPA") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,337,332 to Tsuria et al. ("Tsuria"). The Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3-9, and 11-20. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presented herein are patentable over AAPA in view of Tsuria.

The claimed systems and methods set forth in newly added independent claims 21, 25, 29, and 33 differ from AAPA in view of Tsuria in that in the claimed systems and methods it is determined whether an IC card being received by a card writer of a base is authenticated, and if the IC card is authenticated, the base is enabled to receive card writing data from a card issuing

center for the card writer to write the card writing data to the IC card such that the card writing data is transmitted from the card issuing center to the IC card without being stored in the base. The AAPA (i.e., the Applicant's FIG. 3 and the Background Art section of the Applicant's specification) lacks any teaching or suggestion of determining whether an IC card is authenticated and enabling the card issuing center to transmit card writing data to the IC card if the IC card is authenticated. The Examiner cited Tsuria for teaching transmitting data without storing (citing col. 7, lines 29-35). As such, Tsuria does not cure the noted deficiencies of AAPA.

In view of the foregoing, newly added independent claims 21, 25, 29, and 33 are patentable over AAPA in view of Tsuria. Newly added claims 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, and 34-36 depend from one of the newly added independent claims and include the features therein. Thus, new claims 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, and 34-36 are also patentable over AAPA in view of Tsuria.

CONCLUSION

In summary, claims 21-36 presented herein meet the substantive requirements for patentability. The case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested.

If a conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

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